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1. The following data on SNB schools up to April 1949 were obtained :

a. Superior headquarters : Ministry of the Interior.

b. Location of SNB schools : *

In Bohemia :

Decin (N 51/F 56)
Jesenik (P 51/H72)
Doupov (N 51/P 89)

In Slovakia :

Humenne (R 49/E 86)
Levoca (R 50/D 88)
Rimavska Sobota (Q 49/D 31)
Kremnica (Q 49/C 55)
Dolni Kubin (Q 50/X 91).

c. Data on the SNB school in Jesenik :

(1) Location: Section of the Jesenik barracks and the Jesenik recreation center.

[REDACTED] the army unit previously quartered in the barracks had been transferred to Klatovy (N 50/L 00).**

(2) Designation: Skola SNB - Jesenik (no Utvar number).

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(3) Organization and strength :

Three companies of three platoons with three squads each.
The 3rd Co numbered 113 men.
The school numbered 2 officers and about 320 SNB troops.

(4) School commandant : Captain Zdrahala

(5) Armament : Czech pistols, German rifles and light machine guns, Soviet submachine guns and Czech hand grenades.

(6) Training :

Instruction (per week) :

Four hours of technical police service. Three to four hours of criminal service.

Three hours of "STB " service (study of laws and ordinances, methods of controlling black marketeering, etc.).

Three hours of ordnance instruction.

Five to six hours of political indoctrination.

Three hours of Czech language instructions.

Three hours of Russian language instruction (held by a Czech civilian).

Practical training :

Map reading

Orientation by map

Combat training (according to infantry manual)

Record practice (with rifles, pistols and submachine guns only. Machine guns were used only with practice ammunition).

Practical training was held three to four hours a day under the supervision of an SNB senior sergeant.

The training program did not include counterintelligence instruction.

(7) Nationalities and political attitude :

Forty to fifty of the trainees were Slovaks, ten Carpatho-Russians and the remainder Czechs. The trainees were Communists with the exception of about 30 who were not members of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia.

Upon graduation, the trainees were, according to their political reliability, distributed to the STB, to other SNB

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schools (as instructors) and to Unit Utvar No. 9600 in Prague-Vrsovice. No Soviet personnel were observed at the school.

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unit numbered 150 men, was commanded by Lieutenant Rybavy and had Utvar No. 9600. The unit guarded prisoners employed in uranium mines and at several construction sites. ***

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Comment :

- * SMD schools or units are known to be in most of the mentioned localities.
- ** The 68th Inf Bn of the 7th Inf Brig was identified in Jesenik (Frywaldov) in October 1948. It is doubted that the battalion should have been moved to another post.
- *** The report confirms previous information on the "Jerab" unit.

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